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Dear Commissioner Henney:

Do you want worms and bacteria crawling in your food? Well I sure don't, Oh yeah do you like the Mediterranean fruit fly sending you to the hospital or to the grave? Well thats why I strongly agree with the FDA approving more irradiation on meats, poultry, fruits, and other foods.

My first reason is that irradiation kills insects and germs that are in food. John Yaukey of Gannet News Services says that it will kill bacteria and different diseases that travel with imported food. It also kills E-coli, Salmonella, worms, and different bacterias. Irradiation uses such little radiation, but kills so much stuff in foods and fruits.

My second reason is that irradiation can extend shelf life. Health and Fitness says, "Irradiation can extend a cooked chickens shelf life up to 8 years!" The irradiation process can also slow down the ripening process. The advantage of slowing the ripening process is that you can have and keep more perishable foods longer. Irradiation can make rotten food not be rotten for quite awhile.

My third reason is the low cost. It only costs 5 cents extra a pound to irradiate food according to Health and Fitness. The reason this is so good is that it is such a little price to keep food safe. If you don't have irradiated food you could get sick and even die. So I want you to see how irradiation should be approved for all foods.

So there you have it: irradiation can help. In my last few paragraphs I have shown you that irradiation kills bacteria and other food killers. It is very cheap and improves shelf life. I strongly agree with the FDA's decision to allow foods to be irradiated.

Sincerely,

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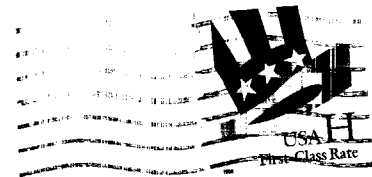
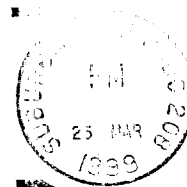
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